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### EDUCATION

The "Institute for Construction" is a polytechnical school for future civil engineers. A course lasts three years. For admittance it is necessary to have matriculation, and to pass an examination of mathematics, physics, chemistry and Marxist culture. Moreover, since 1950, only members of UTM (Union of the working Youth) have been able to join this school. Each candidate has to produce his "personal file" issued by his UTM group.

The "Institute for Construction" is located at the Palace of the faculty of law, Boulevard Elisabetta, BUCHAREST.

During the three years course there is an obligatory course for Russian, twice a week, held by Mrs. VOLSINSKI, a Russian who speaks Rumanian very poorly.

### Communist propaganda at the Institute

The students are divided in groups of 15; each group is headed by a responsible leader. Every day the students have to attend political meetings. The leaders check up whether all students are present. During these meetings students, members of the UTM or other Communists, deliver long speeches on the "Appeal of STOCKHOLM," the greatness of USSR, the misery in USA, the benefits of kolkhozes, etc. Students refusing to attend these political meetings are expelled from the Institute.

Since May 1950, the students of the Institute have been organized in a "syndicate;" a legitimization card was issued to them. They have to pay a monthly fee of 40 lei and are obliged to attend each week meetings of the syndicate. These meetings are Communist conferences with the usual speeches against USA and the glorification of USSR.

As member of the syndicate the students have to sell copies of the newspaper "Scanteia" in the streets of BUCHAREST on Sunday mornings. Sometimes the students are sent by trucks to the villages to sell Communist newspapers and to talk to the peasants about the benefits of kolkhozes. The students are accompanied by delegates of the Communist Party, who survey them and read translations from the Soviet papers "Izvestia" and "Borba."

Each schoolday begins with an hours's lecture on the editorials of the "Scanteia" followed by comments of UTM students.

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Material life of the students

The students of the Institute have their meals at the students' canteen, Buzesti Square (former Benefit Committee under the old regime.) Scholarship students are divided into three categories; 1st category: UTM members pay at the canteen six Lei monthly; 2nd category: very needy students pay at the canteen 450 Lei monthly; 3rd category: needy students pay at the canteen 900 Lei monthly. The students not holding a scholarship pay at the canteen 1,800 Lei monthly.

The meals are poorly prepared. The canteen is dirty, but the quantity of food is sufficient. During the winter meat is served three to four times a week. For lunch there are two dishes and a dessert, for dinner one or two dishes. The bread of which only 150 gram is issued per meal is black, sour and heavy. Twice a week there is "mamaliga" (polenta) instead of bread.

There is a special canteen, for UTM students only, at the former "House of the Student" (Casa Studenteasca,) Plevnei street, where the food is by far better.

Prices of text-books.

Lithographies on bad paper cost 350 to 1,700 Lei per copy. The students are obliged to buy all the text-books for the seven to eight different subjects.

Price of a slide-ruler of German-made costs 3,000 Lei and USSR-made 800 Lei. USSR rulers are no good. Price of drawing paper at the Institute costs 45 Lei per meter and in town 100 Lei per meter. Pencils are very scarce and of poor quality.

Sovietized education.

In 1949, the government opened the "Maxim Gorki Institute" in the Boarding School Mazar, Schitul Magureanu street. The Institute is a faculty of literature. Most students of this school were refused admittance to other faculties for lack of educational training.

There are two homes for the students of the Institute: the former hotel "Lido Venezia," in Mihail Kogalniceanu Square

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for males, and the former hotel "Europa," Brezoianu street for females. It is said that the girl-students of the Maxim Gorki Institute" are the most indecent girls in BUCHAREST.

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